

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and system for providing video data to a user on a computer is provided. According to the method and system, a video streaming device attached to the computer provides a video stream that is displayed on the computer. Images that
5 were previously captured with the video streaming device, either from the current video stream or from previous video streams, are displayed to the user along with the current video stream. This gives the user the impression that the device has captured image storage when, in fact, the previously captured images are actually stored
elsewhere, such as on the computer's hard disk. The stored images are accessible by
10 the computer, and placed in virtual folders while being displayed. A user interface shows the current video stream in a video display area and the previously captured images in a captured image display area. The user interface may be invoked when the user double clicks on an icon that represents the video streaming device. This gives the user the impression that he has browsed to the device and is viewing its contents.

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